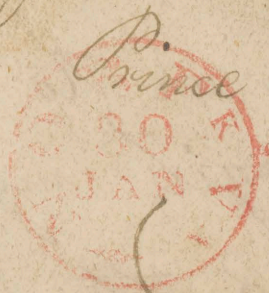


January the = 25 = 1832 = my Dear Brother  
i take this upon my Self to inform you of my  
Situation in which i am in gail, and i want  
you to Send me my Protection and my free Papers,  
and i want you to git a Subscription Paper  
for two Subscribers money enought to Pay my gail  
fese i Shall want ab Bout = 40 = Dollars and a man  
that know me, for i was taken of the Rack at  
Sea and Brought in to norfolk in virginia By  
a Pink Sturn to laco Boat, and now i am in  
norfolk gail for i want to Com out if i can  
i want you to make all the exaction.  
that you Can if you Please i want you  
to Send me Some money ab Bout = 40 = Dollars  
and a white Gentleman to Swear to  
my freedom Dont forgit my Papers what  
ever my dear Belored Brother) Robert Shapley



to Portland in the States  
of Maine in Post Road



Thapley



To the Legislature of Maine,

The Petition of Prime Shapleigh,  
of Portland respectfully represents,

That his brother Robert Shapleigh,  
born in Danville in this State, and a  
free citizen thereof, is now confined in  
the jail in Norfolk Virginia.

The said Robert is a seaman, and  
was taken from the wreck of the vessel  
in which he sailed, & carried into  
Norfolk - Having lost his protection in  
the wreck of the vessel, he was put into  
jail for want of proof of his being a  
free man - & your Petitioner now  
understands that he is liable to be sold  
for the payment of jail fees -

He therefore earnestly prays, that  
the Legislature would interfere for  
his release

Witness Samuel Townsend

Prime X Shapleigh,  
Wm



Petition of  
Prince Shapleigh  
for an appropriation.

House of Representatives  
March 7. 1832 Read and  
referred to the Committee  
on the Judiciary. Sent up  
for concurrence

Bury White/reader

In Senate March  
7. 1832

Read & concurred  
N. P. Chandler Pres.

W. P. Johnson